

# *Executive Proclamation*

## *State of South Dakota*

### *Office of the Governor*

*Whereas*, Master Sergeant Gary L. Kafka's dedication to service has made him a valuable asset to this state and country; and,

*Whereas*, We have very few occasions to recognize the patriotic individuals for their service to this state and country; and,

*Whereas*, Master Sergeant Kafka has devoted more than 26 years of his life to the service of this state and country in the Logistics, Engineer, Personnel, and Recruiting fields. His assistance to the 200<sup>th</sup> Engineer Company during its deployment to Operation Iraqi Freedom, his efforts to stand up two new battalions, his support to Hurricane Katrina relief efforts in Louisiana, and his outstanding volunteerism in both the Guard and local communities serve as a model of achievement to other Citizen-Soldiers; and,

*Whereas*, His loyalty and leadership have made him a cornerstone in the Armed Forces of this country; and,

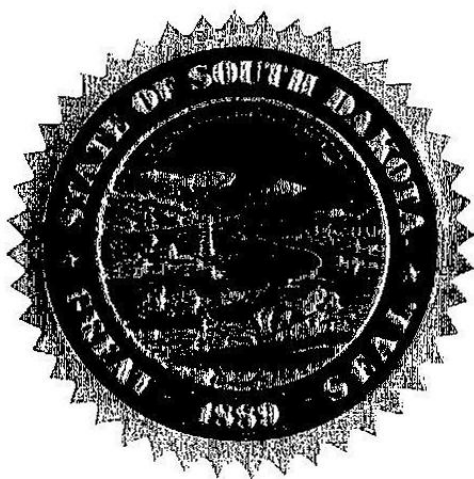
*Whereas*, Master Sergeant Kafka continues to give of himself; and,

*Whereas*, It is fitting and proper as Governor to commend Master Sergeant Gary L. Kafka for more than 26 years of dedicated and outstanding service to this state and country:

*Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard*, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim January 31, 2011, as

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in South Dakota, and I join with his family and friends in wishing him well in his retirement and thanking him for his service to the state of South Dakota and to the United States of America.



*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Tenth Day of January in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Eleven.

*Dennis Daugaard*  
Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

*Jason M. Gant*  
Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State